

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A receiving apparatus comprising:
first data receiving means for receiving data via a first medium;
second data receiving means for receiving data via a second medium; and
switching means for, in response to an event message, switching reception and/or playback of the data received by the first data receiving means and the data received by the second data receiving means.
2. A receiving method for a receiving apparatus including first data receiving means for receiving data via a first medium, and second data receiving means for receiving data via a second medium, said receiving method comprising the step of, in response to an event message, switching reception and/or playback of the data received by the first data receiving means and the data received by the second data receiving means.
3. A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first data receiving means comprises means for receiving communication data via the Internet from an external device,
the second data receiving means comprises means for

receiving broadcast data sent from a broadcast station via a broadcast network, and

the receiving apparatus further includes:

a decoder for decoding the communication data received by the first data receiving means and the broadcast data received by the second data receiving means using different decoding methods; and

switching means for switching between the decoding methods executed by the decoder.

4. A receiving apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the switching means switches the decoding method performed by the decoder to a broadcast data decoding method from a communication data decoding method.

5. A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the receiving apparatus further includes a first recording unit for recording the broadcast data; when broadcast data is received, the switching means performs switching control of the decoding method performed by the decoder from a communication data decoding method to a broadcast data decoding method and the broadcast data received is recorded in the first recording unit; and after switching the decoding method to the broadcast data decoding method from the communication data decoding method, the decoder decodes

the broadcast data recorded in the first recording unit.

6. A receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in response to an event message indicating that a commercial message starts or indicating that content such as news starts, the switching means switches data reception of data from an external device via the Internet to reception of data from a broadcast station via a broadcast network.

7. A receiving apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the receiving apparatus further includes a second recording unit for recording information on communication data of a program; in response to an event message indicating that the program ends, the first data receiving means interrupts reception of the communication data of the program; and when a playback request of the program is made again, the first data receiving means receives the remaining communication data of the program from the external device based on the information on the communication data of the program recorded in the second recording unit.

8. A receiving apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the information on the communication data of the program includes identification information of the program and a playback duration of the program.